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SUBJECT: MILITARY CONFLICT IN KABUL

1. ON THE EVENING OF MAY 3, RADIO AFGHANISTAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF CUBA, POLAND, AND HUNGARY HAD RECOGNIZED AFGHANISTAN'S NEW REGIME. IT ALSO DECLARED THAT THE REGIME HAD RECEIVED MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION AND SUPPORT FROM AFRIDI TRIBES IN NORTHERN PUSHTUNISTAN AND FROM PUSHTUNS RESIDING IN THE KABUL
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AREA, FARMERS, STUDENTS, WHITE AND BLUE COLLAR WORKERS, THE RADIO CLAIMS, GATHERED IN THE CAPITALS OF ALL PROVINCES TO CELEBRATE THE SUCCESS OF THE DRA IN OVERTHROWING THE MOHAMMADZAIS. (COMMENT: WE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY DEMONSTRATION IN KABUL.)

2. AFGHAN RADIO ALSO CARRIED AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE REQUIRING ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE STORES OF GRAIN,

TO TAKE THESE PRODUCTS TO THE BAZAAR TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE. THE RADIO PROMISED THAT ANYONE WHO REFUSED TO BRING THEIR STORES OF GRAIN TO THE BAZAAR WOULD BE DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO REVOLUTIONARY LAW.

3. THE RADIO ALSO BROADCAST A LENGTHY STATEMENT FROM NUR MOHAMMAD TARAKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND PRIME MINISTER. THIS STATEMENT, ACCORDING TO THE RADIO, WAS IN RESPONSE TO A REPORT FROM THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE, CONCERNING THE QUOTE FALSE UNQUOTE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROPAGANDA THAT WERE EMANATING FROM FOREIGN BROADCASTS.

4. IN HIS STATEMENT, TARAKI DENOUNCED THE ENEMIES WHO ATTEMPT TO AGITATE THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE WITH PROPAGANDA, AND TO STOP GOVERNMENTS WHICH SEEK TO UPGRADE THEIR PEOPLES' STANDARD OF LIVING. HE DENIED CATEGORICALLY THAT THE COUP WAS SET IN MOTION BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN WITH THE AID OF A FOREIGN POWER. HE DECLARED THAT THE DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION CAME INTO BEING BY THE WILL OF ALL MEN AND WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY. TARAKI VOWED THAT THERE NEVER HAS BEEN A COMMUNIST PARTY IN AFGHANISTAN AND NEVER WILL BE, AND THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT FOLLOWS ISLAMIC LAW AND THE TEACHINGS OF THE KORAN. CONTRARY TO REPORTS THAT AFGHANISTAN IS NOW A SATELLITE NATION, THE PRIME MINISTER DECLARED THAT HIS COUNTRY IS NOW FREE FROM THE NATIONS THAT HAD INFLUENCED THE GOVERNMENTS OF NADIR SHAH, ZAHIR SHAH, AND DAOUD. HE CON-

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CLUDED BY STATING THAT AFGHANISTAN SEEKS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS WHICH RECOGNIZE THE REVOLUTION AS NATIONAL AND INTERNAL, AND PROMISED THAT AFGHANISTAN WILL CONTINUE TO BE INDEPENDENT.

5. RADIO AFGHANISTAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER HAFIZULLAH AMIN HAD SEPARATE MEETINGS TODAY WITH THE INDIAN AND SOVIET AMBASSADORS.

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